Bank Loans to M|s. Prestolite of India Limited

2519. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL:
SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that M|s. Prestolite of India Limited Faridabad owe (i) Rs. 10 crores to the Union Bank of India; (ii) Rs. 70 lakhs to the New Bank of India; (iii) Rs. 10 lakhs to the Central Bank of India;

(b) whether Government are also aware of any compromise move by the Union Bank of India to settle the amount due for a sum of rupees one crore and write off Rs. 9 crores and also of the compromise move by the New Bank of India for a sum of Rs. 35 lakhs and to write off the remaining sum; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to order any inquiry into the compromise moves which are likely to lead to Government incurring a loss of about Rs. 10 crores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) In accordance with the statutes governing banks and practices and usages customary amongst bankers, information relating to individual constituents of banks cannot be divulged.

Tobacco Growers

2520 SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that poor tobacco growers of West Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh are harassed by the Field Officers who threaten to deregister them; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to save the tobacco growers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P.R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) No representation has been received regarding harassment of poor tobacco growers of West Godavari in Andhra Pradesh threatening to deregister them by the Field Officers of the Tobacco Board, Guntur, However, a representation about denial of registration to a tobacco grower of the area has been received and got investigated by Tobacco Board. There has been no denial of registration of tobacco growers fulfilling the required conditions taking into account the prospect of production of quality tobacco and need to balance production with the likely demand in the wake of prevailing depressed market conditions.

Financial Irregularities by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

2521. SHRI P. N. SUKUL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of certain financial irregularities and FERA violations committed by the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, what are the details of such irregularities; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B K. GADHVI): (a) to (c) The Andhra Pradesh High Court has admitted two writ petitions where, *inter alia*, allegations were made regarding Financial irregularities by Shri N.T. Rama Rao, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh The matter is *sub-judice*.

Exports to West Asian and North African Countries

2522. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of exports to West Asian and North African countries from January, 1986 to October 31, 1987, commodity-wise; and